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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5305**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

**2003 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Land Use & Planning (originally sponsored by Senators Mulliken, T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Reardon and Esser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the availability of construction aggregates used  
2 in transportation and construction projects; and creating a new  
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that not all  
6 mineral resources of long-term commercial significance can be used as  
7 construction aggregates and not all regions of the state have  
8 sufficient supplies of construction aggregates. As a result, projects  
9 may not be completed timely, economically, and with the quality of  
10 aggregates necessary for long-term durability.

11 (2)(a) A committee is created to study the state's need for  
12 aggregate as recognized under subsection (1) of this section. The  
13 committee is comprised of the following:

14 (i) The state geologist, representing the department of natural  
15 resources, who shall serve as chair;

16 (ii) A representative of the association of general contractors;

17 (iii) A representative of the governor;

18 (iv) A representative of the Washington chapter of the American  
19 public works association;

1 (v) An operating engineer representing the building and trades  
2 council; and  
3 (vi) A representative of the aggregate and concrete association.  
4 (b) The committee shall:  
5 (i) Determine whether the goals and requirements under chapter  
6 36.70A RCW are being met with regard to the identification,  
7 designation, and supply of aggregate necessary to meet the twenty-year  
8 comprehensive plans and whether sufficient quality and quantity of  
9 aggregate is available to meet the transportation elements of the  
10 department of transportation, county, city, or municipal projects, and  
11 private projects;  
12 (ii) Determine whether environmental review procedures allow the  
13 efficient processing of permit applications without reducing  
14 environmental protection and without undermining the expectation that  
15 a successful project will receive a permit in a timely manner;  
16 (iii) Ensure the state has competitive and efficient industries by  
17 evaluating and identifying areas of redundant, duplicative, and costly  
18 regulations and suggesting remedies to eliminate those inefficient  
19 impediments;  
20 (iv) Consider how the aggregate and affiliated industries should be  
21 regulated; and  
22 (v) No later than December 15, 2003, prepare and submit to the  
23 legislature its findings and any legislation necessary.  
24 (3) The department of transportation and the department of  
25 community, trade, and economic development shall provide technical and  
26 staff support from existing staff.

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